

SENATE RESOLUTION 135
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A RESOLUTION to honor Senator Keith Jordan for his eight years of outstanding service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those colleagues who during their respective tenures in the General Assembly performed their elected duties with remarkable ability and rare devotion, and whose professionalism and competence continue to serve as a benchmark for present and future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Senator Keith Jordan has had a great presence on Capitol Hill for eight years as a member of the Senate; his illustrious legislative career regrettably will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 1998 session of the One-Hundredth General Assembly, as he is a candidate for the 21st Circuit Judgeship, representing Hickman, Lewis, Perry and Williamson Counties; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious service in the Senate in 1990, Keith Jordan has distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Senate, Senator Jordan has been an astute and eager participant in the legislative process as a member of the Government Operations Committee, the Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee, the Transportation Committee, and on several study and select oversight committees, including the Select Committee on Children and Youth, the Select Joint Oversight Committee on Tennessee Workers' Compensation, the

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Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Tennessee 200 Bicentennial Commission, and most recently as a member of the special study committee on Graduated Driver Licenses; and

WHEREAS, Keith Jordan has also enjoyed a meritorious tenure as Vice Chairman of the important Senate Judiciary Committee during the 97th, 98th, 99th and 100th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable and productive tenure in the Senate, Keith Jordan sponsored over 150 pieces of legislation that became law dealing with a variety of important issues, including child support, the partial birth abortion ban, the open container law, the probate reform law, restricting attorney solicitation, and stronger regulations on adult-oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS, he also was a co-prime sponsor of the 1996 Workers' Compensation Reform Bill that resulted in the first significant decrease in workers' compensation insurance rates in more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, as a former Assistant State Attorney General, Director of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Agency and Assistant District Attorney, Keith Jordan has developed a firm foundation in sponsoring legislation leading to the passage of laws that protect all Tennesseans, including Driving Under the Influence, and Crime and Victims' Rights legislation; and

WHEREAS, he also was the primary sponsor of several bills that strengthened the law against the insanity defense, the law regarding rape or aggravated sexual battery of a child, and the law on minors and delinquent activity; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jordan has served the good people of Marshall, Maury and Williamson Counties with the utmost integrity and dedication, consistently promoting the idea of a citizen legislature and advocating term limits for members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of civic responsibility, Senator Jordan is a generous and concerned member of his community, and he has made significant contributions to many civic, business and charitable organizations, including the Heritage Commissions in his

district, the Williamson County, Maury County and Marshall County Chambers of Commerce, the Grassland Community Club and the First Tuesday Club; and

WHEREAS, a respected attorney in the private practice of law since 1984, Keith Jordan is a member of the Tennessee and American Bar Associations, and the Nashville and Williamson County Bar Associations; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Senator Jordan evinces his robust faith in the Lord through his membership in the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, he is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Judy H. Jordan, and their children, Mitchell, Allen and Victoria; and

WHEREAS, the 23rd Senate District has been well represented by this prominent legislator, as he served in every capacity with acumen, industry and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jordan will be long remembered as an advocate and crusader for good, responsive government and the concerns of working people; and

WHEREAS, for eight productive years, Senator Keith Jordan was a staple figure on Capitol Hill; he is a gentleman whose talent and energy has seldom been equaled and without question, he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now most appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our Great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Senator Keith Jordan for his immeasurable service to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Senator Jordan our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Senator Jordan as a token of our gratitude.